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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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WIRELESS CHAIN SCHEME.

HONGKONG'S STATION.

CABINET COMMISSION REPORT.

LONDON, January 25.
The wireless telegraphy commission appointed by
the Cabinet in December 1920, has made a report recom-
mending the erection of thermionic valve stations in
England, Canada, Australia, South Africa, India and
Egypt; and the erection of arc stations in East Africa,
Singapore, and Hongkong with space for the addition of
thermionic plant later. Two wave lengths should be
allotted to each transmitting station and each centre
should be equipped for reception from several chain
stations simultaneously. The average cost of the over-
seas stations should not exceed £160,000. The cost of
stations in England, Egypt, East Africa, Singapore and
Hongkong, for which the Imperial Government will pre-
sumably be responsible, should not exceed an aggregate
cost of £253,000. A station equipped with arc and
machinery like the Leaf station is planned for
Singapore, but with different antenna while a
station resembling the Singapore one but with less
costly antenna is proposed for Hongkong.

LOWER WAGES AT SE.

PROPOSED REDUCTIONS.

COMPLETE AGREEMENT REACHED.

LONDON, January 25.
Shipowners' and employees' organisations repre-
senting all ranks of mercantile marine have reached
complete settlement on the question of the wage
reduction. (A cable stated December 7 stated: Ship-
owners have notified the National Maritime Board of
their intention to apply for a further reduction in the
wages of sailors and firemen by £3 a month. It is un-
derstood that the National Sailors' and Firemen's Union
are preparing to oppose the reduction.) The wages of
men on foreign going vessels have now been reduced £2
a month—namely 30s. on March 1 and a further 10s. on
May 1. The wages on coasters have been reduced half
a guinea a week to be proportionate with reductions
ranging from approximately ten per cent. in the case of
senior officers to 25 per cent. in the case of juniors.
Negotiations were very friendly throughout.

WHOLESALE PRICES.

LAST YEAR'S FLUCTUATIONS.

LONDON, January 26.
Examination of the movement of wholesale prices
in 1921 by the Board of Trade Journal shows that the
most violent fluctuations of all occurred in the cotton
group. The Journal's records of movements in 1921 are
concluded with a group figure showing the price level at
88 per cent. above the 1913 level. Next to cotton the
most marked rise and fall was shown in the group "other
textiles" comprising wool, silk, flax, hemp, and jute in
which prices in December of 1921 were two-thirds above
the 1913 quotations. The third group in which prices
varied considerably in 1921 was iron and steel which
ended up only 72 per cent. above the 1913 average. The
movement of prices in the United States broadly speak-
ing was similar, although compared with 1913 the rises
were considerably less than in the United Kingdom.

GENOA CONFERENCE.

AMERICA'S PARTICIPATION.

ORGANIZED LABOUR'S PROTEST.

WASHINGTON, January 26.
Mr. Samuel Gompers, on behalf of organized labour
in the United States, presented President Harding with a
protest against the participation of the United States
in the Genoa Conference on the ground that the presence
of the Soviet delegates there would involve practical
recognition of the Soviet Government.

SIR ARTHUR PEARSON'S £23,910.

WHOLE FORTUNE FOR FAMILY.

LONDON, January 25.
Sir Arthur Pearson left £23,910, all to his family.
There were no charitable bequests as the deceased had
for many years devoted his time towards assisting
charitable institutions.

AMERICAN T. RIFE.

WASHINGTON, January 26.

The Republican leaders in the Senate gave an
assurance to the Republican leaders in the House of
Representatives that the permanent tariff bill would be
reported in the Senate early in February and would be
passed before the end of the session.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/7 1/8.
To-day's opening rate 2/7 1/8.

WASHINGTON CONFERENCE CHEERFUL.

JAPAN'S CONCILIATORY SPIRIT.

SHANTUNG QUESTION SETTLEMENT HOPES.

LONDON, January 25.
The opening of the eleventh week of the Washington
Conference was marked by gratifying news regarding
the Siberian question which has practically been
disposed of by the Far Eastern Committee's acceptance
of Japan's undertaking, likewise the agreement reached
regarding the inapplicability of the Pacific treaty to the
Japanese homeland. It is evidently still hoped that
accord will be reached in the Shantung controversy which
the American delegation and senators regard as essential
to the success of the conference.

CHINA'S WRONGS.

The Daily Telegraph's New York Correspondent says
that the American attitude regarding the Japanese has
undergone rather an important change during the last
few weeks and the conciliatory spirit of the Japanese in
many affairs, including Asiatic mainland questions, is
being increasingly recognised. China's wrongs are admitted
but he thinks the proceedings of the Conference have
shown the Americans many of them have been self-
inflicted and are the result of lack of a stable government.
AMERICAN ACCEPTANCE PREDICTED.

The correspondent says that the text of Baron
Uchida's speech regarding the evacuation of Siberia has
created a favourable impression. The emphasis he laid
on the fact that the Anglo-Japanese Treaty will remain
in force until the new quadruple treaty becomes effective
is expected to have due weight with the United States
where approval of the conference work without exten-
ded debate or partisan division is now predicted by many
close observers. One of the foremost Democratic lead-
ers confirms the suggestion that Mr. Woodrow Wilson is
not advising the Democrats to fight the treaty.

ALL THE CARDS ON THE TABLE.

The correspondent expresses the opinion that the
final scope and character of an international agreement
will probably be reached within a fortnight without
complications. One great advantage of the conference
is that the delegates have laid on the table all their
cards regarding the Far East and China will have a new
start in solving the intricacies of self-government under
the protection of a concert of the powers represented at
the Conference.

SUBMARINE VICTIMS' CLAIMS.

PROPOSED ARBITRATION COMMISSION.

WASHINGTON, January 25.
It is reported that a conference at the White House
between President Harding, Mr. Hughes, and the
Republican leaders of the Senate and House of repre-
sentatives reached a decision whereby a new German
and American treaty to create an arbitration commis-
sion to settle private claims for damages arising out of
the war will probably be negotiated. The claims chiefly
relate to the victims of illegal submarine warfare before
the United States entered the war.

NORTHERN AUSTRALIA.

IMMENSE POSSIBILITIES.

SYDNEY, January 25.
Replying to a deputation which urged the develop-
ment of Northern Australia Mr. Hughes, the Prime
Minister, enthusiastically referred to the immense
possibilities of North Australia. He said that the
Government was alive to the vital importance of its
development. The mineral wealth of that region had
hardly been prospected yet. Moreover, the country was
decidedly healthy.

AUSTRIAN KRONE COLLAPSES.

IMMENSE INCREASE IN PRICES.

SITUATION DESPERATE: DISORDERS FEARED.

LONDON, January 25.
A message from Vienna states that the collapse of
the krone has caused such an immense increase in prices
that the situation is desperate and disorders are feared.
The Austrian Government has made representations to
the Allies, declaring that failing immediate assistance
from abroad it will not be responsible for the con-
sequences.

DEATH AT HOME.

FORMER HONGKONG DOCKYARD CHIEF ENGINEER.

LONDON, January 25.
The death is announced of Mr. James Wootton,
Chief Inspector of Machinery in the Navy and formerly
Chief Engineer at the Royal Naval Dockyard, Hong-
kong.

WELL-KNOWN BANKER KILLED.

KNOCKED DOWN BY MOTOR BUS.

NEW YORK, January 25.
The well-known banker, Alonso Barton Hopkins,
has died from injuries received through being knocked
down by a motor bus.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
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Hongkong, January 13, 1922.

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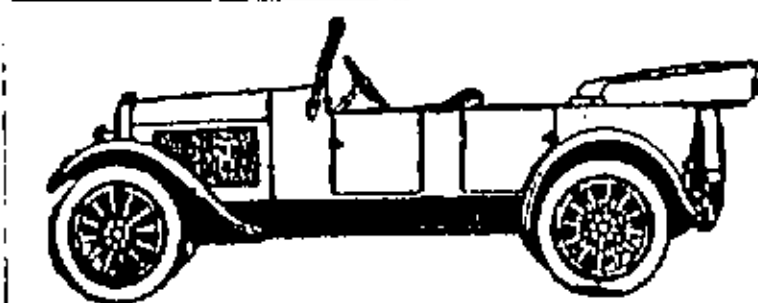
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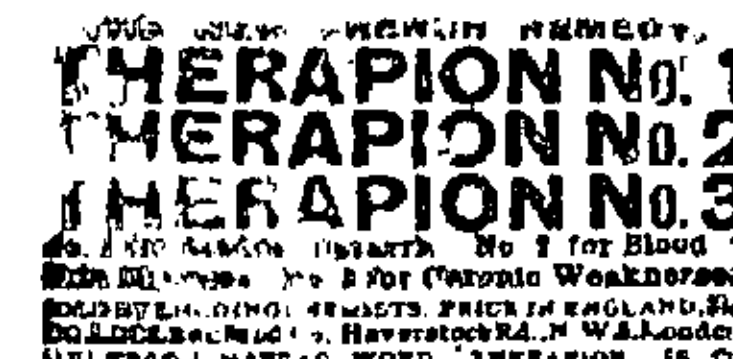
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DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The Italian Convent School prize-
were distributed by Mrs. Claud Bower
yesterday afternoon. There was a
large attendance of pupils with their
parents and friends. Amongst those
present were:—The Italian Consul,
Chev. L. Petrucci; the Portuguese
Consul, Mr. Fernandez and Mrs.
Fernandez, Lady Ho Tung, Hon. Mr.
E.A. Irving (Director of Education),
Dr. N. Teasdale Mackintosh, Rt. Rev.
Bishop Pozzoni, Fr. Puredi, R.N., Fr.
Willcox, S.J., and Fr. Lynch.

A very enjoyable concert program-
me was presented by some of the
students who all acquitted themselves
with credit. The programme included
an excellent little comedy entitled
"Perrette and her Milk-pail," and an
action song, "Eliland," by the younger
girls.

PROGRAMME.

Pianoforte—"Marcia" (J. Runtzman).
Misses E. Cabaco, G. Chacarrate-
regini, J. Morrison and M.
Wallace.

Song—"Oh, Bold is the Frost!"

(C. Marshall). Twelve girls.

Minuet by Harry Ore.

Miss Rosebud Young (violin),

Miss Ruby Young (cello) and Miss

Vivian Young (piano).

Pianoforte—"Chant sans Paroles"

(Tschakowsky).

Miss F. Nevers.

Comedy—"Perrette and her Milk-

pail."

Perrette, Miss C. Horley, Götte,

Miss E. Cabaco, Rosalie, Miss K.

Sullivan, Rebecca, Miss K.

Warner, and Mariette, Miss

J. Elford, and little urrhins.

Pianoforte—"Marcia" (Kosowski).

Misses F. Dixon, R. Menden, V.

Young and R. Young.

Action song—"Eliland."

Fairy King, Miss C. Alvers, Fairy

Queen, Miss M. Machado Alves,

Fairy Page, Miss T. Del Pan,

Aurora, Miss A. Larsen and six

little fairies and six elves.

Accompanist, Miss P. Arago.

Mr. W. G. Fitzgibbon read the

Correspondent's report as follows:—

That the Italian Convent School

is maintaining its position in

the forefront of Schools for

girls in the Colony is the gratifying

fact I have to report in connec-

tion with the school year 1920-1921.

During last year, it is my pleasure to

place on record, Miss Lai Po Chuen,

who passed the Senior Examination

of the Hongkong University in June

last year, successfully passed the

Matriculation Examination in Decem-

ber last, and has since taken up a

course in the Faculty of Medicine at

the University. Both Miss Lai and

the School are to be congratulated on

so signal a success and upon the fact

also that among the first girls who

are studying for diplomas of the

University of Hongkong is one from this

School.

The daily attendance of the school

goes on increasing from year to year.

The comparative figures are:

1920 1921.

On the Roll..... 441 464.

Present at official in-

spection..... 386 452.

These figures speak for themselves.

The highest enrolment in any one

month was attained in the month of

April, when the pupils on the register

numbered 510.

There is a working staff of 16

teachers (14 of whom are Europeans

and 2 local teachers), also 6 assistant

teachers, of whom two have already

completed the teacher's course of

instruction at the Technical Institute.

Mr. E. Ralph, Inspector of English

Schools, carried out his annual in-

spection in December last, and,

generally speaking, he was able to

report favourably on the working of

the school, which has again earned

his award of the highest grant under

the Code.

I have already referred to the

school's success at the Hongkong

University Examinations as a special

feature in the school year. Further

details of the results obtained at the

University examinations are:—6

passes in the Senior Examinations,

one with Honours, viz Miss Ruby

Rumjahn. Miss Aggie Ismail obtain-

ed distinction in English. Eight

students passed the Junior Examinations

in December. Miss Dolores

Talmage obtained distinction in

History, Geography, and Spanish, and

Miss Tam O'Ryan distinction in

Biblical Knowledge.

The following are the awards for

the Scholarships tenable at the

Convent:—(a) Miss Eugenia Cabaco,

the Lugard Scholarship for 1922-1923.

The Lugard Scholarship was founded

by the late Sir Horatio Mody.

Miss Agnes Gill and Miss Aida

Chow, the Lady Ho Tung Scholarships

founded by Sir Robert Ho Tung.

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Misa Roly Kwok and Miss Idalina

dos Remedios have won the
distinction of inscription of their
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Frederick Lugard, G.C.M.G., P.C.

for integrity and unselfishness.

At the invitation of Lady Stubbs,
30 pupils of the Italian Convent
gladly availed themselves of the
opportunity to join the Girl Guides
and the leadership of Miss Price.

The school's Girl Guides have per-
formed the ordinary drills and the
exercises according to requirements
which characterise the practical
utility of this excellent organisation.

Sports have been from time to time
held in the Convent grounds and, as
usual, children from this school have
taken part in the annual sports at
Happy Valley held under the auspices
of the St. Joseph's College Old Boys'
Association.

PRIZE WINNERS.

Prize for Biblical Knowledge from
His Lordship, D. Pozzoni.—Miss
Idalina dos Remedios.

Lugard's Shield: Miss Roly Kwok
for the year 1920; Miss Idalina Re-
medios for 1921.

Lugard Scholarship—for the year
1922-23, Miss Eugenia Cabaco.

Lady Ho Tung Scholarship for
Good Conduct and Application, 1921,
—Miss Agnes Gill and Miss Chow
Sook Chun.

Class 1.—Senior Local Certificate
in June and Matriculation in Decem-
ber, Miss Lai Po Chuen.

Senior Local Certificate and Prizes,
Ruby Rumjahn (Honours) 1st Prize;
Juliette Elrod, 2nd Prize; Agnes
Ismail (distinction in English); Agnes
Gill and Idalina Remedios.

Class 2.—Junior Local Certificate
and Prizes, Tam Oi Ngan (distinction
in Biblical Knowledge); 1st Prize;
Dolores Talmage (distinction in History,
Geography and Spanish) 2nd Prize;
Prizes to Cissy Horley, Chow Sook
Chun, Mabel Blackman, Katie
Sullivan, Conchita Garcia and Carmen
Naxier.

Class 3.—1st Prize Eugenia
Cabaco and Beatrice Gill, 2nd Prize
Mary Young and Roly Kwok; Prizes
to Stella Joanillo and Conchita del
Pan. Certificate of Merit: Kuni
Barretto for Reading and Recitation,
Betty Tillman for Domestic Economy,
Mercedes Ribeiro for History.

Class 4.—1st Prize Elizabeth
Thomas; 2nd Prize Celestina Xavier;
Prizes to Aurelia Geng, Daisy Lyew
and Kawa of Arculli. Certificates of
Merit: Cecilia Xavier and Carmela
dos Remedios.

Class 5.—1st Prize Astri Larsen;
2nd Prize Eileen Garrod; Prizes to
Mary Hui, Ruby Shea, Marie Machado
Alves, and Elie Tsan. Certificates
of Merit: Agnes Tse Yan, Remigia
Elarte and Agnes Franco.

Class 6.—1st Prize Julia Bar etto;
2nd Prize Henriette Demie; Prizes to
Hercilia Barros, Alice Lee and Eva Ma.
Certificates of Merit: Agnes Lao,
Julia Gill, Kathleen Danenberg, Olga
Azado.

Class 7.—1st Prize Luiza Yu; 2nd
Prize Angelina Danenberg; Prizes to
Carmen Silva, Annie Tse Yan, Maria
Alves and Carmela del Pan.

Certificates of Merit: Mary Can,
Mary Tse Yan, Sara Remedios, Mer-
cedes Passos and Rosie Lay.

Class 7.—(Special Class for Chinese)
Prizes to Mollie Cheung, Mary Leung,
Rosie Cheung and Gladys Ma.

Class 8.—1st Prize Esther Geng;
2nd Prize Rosie Ismail and Olga
Baptista; Prizes to Mina Place, Maria
Taketomo and Aurea d'Assis.

Special Class for Chinese.—Class 8a.
Prizes to Fether Ng, Lucy Ng, Lucy
Ching, Hilda Chan and Cissy Chan.

Class 8b. Prizes to Lily Mak, Annie
Soo, Emily Ng, Norida Koo, Fanny
Lee and Grace Cheung. Class 8c.
Prizes to Daisy Tse, Jane Wong,
Gertie Wong and Rosie Tse.

Infant Classes.—Prizes to Mafalda
Geng, Kitty Tse Yan, Lucy Chan,
Lasteria Anseji, Maria Peres, Mildred
Gardner, Ida da Rosa, Evelyn Olas,
Helena Silva, Mary Smith, Maria
Silva, Inez Ozorio, Rita Xavier, Mary
Yee Isabel Lay, Pauline Chao, Noel
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PUBLIC AUCTIONS

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16, Des Voeux Road Central,
on

MONDAY,

February 6, 1922, at 3 p.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Voeux Road, Corner of
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SS "SUN TAK"

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Hongkong, January 11, 1922.

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THE GREAT NORTHERN TELE- GRAPH COMPANY, LTD.

The following Unclaimed Telegrams
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from Tokio.
Kongyuan Reserver, from Peking.
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Shanghai.

Yutahow Chungshu Street, from
Cheloo.
Yueshouching Great Eastern Hotel,
from Hongkong.
Mr. D. ng-fog 331 Queen's Road, from
Shanghai.

Lee Wan Lam Hk Motor Car Co.
from Shanghai.
Luk-wahong Corner Quelch, from
Shanghai.

T.H. KING,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 12, 1922.

EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRAL- ASIA & CHINA TELEGRAPH CO.

Leban, from Fremantle.
Buzuben, from Huijilong.
M. E. F. AIREY,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, January 12, 1922.

INTIMATIONS

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the ORDINARY ANNUAL
GENERAL MEETING OF SHARE-
HOLDERS in this Company will be
held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hong-
kong, on SATURDAY, the 4th Febru-
ary 1922, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose
of receiving the Report of the Direc-
tors together with a Statement of
Accounts for the year ending 31st
December 1921.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from the
25th January, to the 6th February,
(both days inclusive), during which
period no Transfer of Shares can be
Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 19, 1922.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

BANK HOLIDAY.
MONDAY, 30th January.

TEA AND DINNER DANCING
will be held on MONDAY, 30th
January.

HONGKONG HOTEL CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING OF THE ABOVE
COMPANY will be held at the
HONGKONG HOTEL, Pedder Street,
Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong,
on WEDNESDAY, THE FIRST
DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1922, AT
NOON, for the purpose of considering
and, if thought fit, passing the fol-
lowing Resolutions as Extraordinary
Resolutions, namely:-

(1) That the Authorized Capital of
the Company, which is now
\$2,500,000 consisting of 250,000
shares of the nominal value of
\$10 each, be increased to
\$3,000,000 consisting of 300,000
shares of the nominal value of
\$10 each, by the creation of 50,000
additional shares of the nominal
value of \$10 each, ranking (subject
to the date of allotment for dividend
and in all other respects par)
with the shares constituting the
Company's present issued
Capital.

(2) That 100,000 shares be offered
in the proportion of one new
share for every complete number of
two old shares held by them
respectively to the persons who
on the date of the presentation of
this Resolution as a Special
Resolution are registered in the
Company's Share Register as the
holders of the said 200,000 shares
at a premium of \$5 per share and
so that on allotment the nominal
amount due in respect of such
100,000 shares plus the said
premium of \$5 per share shall be
payable as follows:

Date of Payment	Amount payable in respect of the nominal value of each share	Amount payable in respect of the premium on each share	Total
15th March 1922	\$4	\$2	\$6
15th August 1922	\$3	\$2	\$5
15th March 1923	\$1	\$1	\$2

and further that until such time
as the said 100,000 shares shall
be fully paid up they shall, vis a
vis the said 200,000 shares, only
rank for dividend in proportion
to the ratio borne by the amount
paid up thereon to the full
nominal value (\$10) thereof, and
that any of the said 100,000
shares which shall not be taken
up by the Company's Share-
holders in manner aforesaid be
disposed of in such manner as
the Company's Board of Directors
"shall think fit."

(3) That the balance of the shares
constituting the Company's un-
issued Capital be issued at such
time or times, in such manner
and upon such terms and condi-
tions in every respect as the
Company's Board of Directors
"may decide."

(4) That no Shareholder shall be
entitled to any other of a frac-
tion of an additional share in
respect of any old share held by
him.

Should the above Resolutions be
passed by the requisite majority, they
will be submitted for confirmation to
Special Resolutions to a SPECIAL
EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL
MEETING to be held at the HONG-
KONG HOTEL, Pedder Street, aforesaid
on FRIDAY, the 17th Day
of February, 1922, at 11 A.M., for the
purpose of considering and, if thought
fit, confirming such Resolutions as
Special Resolutions accordingly.

Dated this Twentieth Day of Janu-
ary, 1922.

By Order of the Board,
H. N. BEAUREPAIRE,
Secretary.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OFFICE.

(CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.)

THE Department will be entirely closed on
SATURDAY and SUNDAY, the 28th
and 29th January, 1922. It will be open for
all purposes till 12 noon on MONDAY, the
30th January, 1922. Licensed Warehouses
will be entirely closed on those dates.
N. L. SMITH, Superintendent,
Hongkong, January 24, 1922.

BANK HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 14
of 1912, the EXCHANGE BANKS
will be CLOSED for the Transaction of
PUBLIC BUSINESS on SATURDAY
and MONDAY, the 28th and 30th inst.
Hongkong, January 24, 1922.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW will be held
in Botanic Gardens on THURSDAY,
2nd March.

Schedules may be obtained from the
Hon. Secretary, Beaconsfield Arcade,
First floor.
Hongkong, January 25, 1922.

NOTICE.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO.,
(1921) LTD. beg to notify their
Consumers that owing to alterations in
the underground system of distribu-
tion the supply of electricity will not
be available between the hours of 9 a.m.
and 5 p.m. on SATURDAY, the 28th
instant.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, January 25, 1922.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the Transfer Books of the above
Company will be CLOSED from 28th
January to 7th February, 1922, both
days inclusive.

Dated this 16th day of January, 1922.

By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.
Agents.

THE KOWLOON LAND & BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the THIRTY THIRD ORDIN-
ARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS
in this Company will be held at the
Company's Offices Victoria Buildings on
FRIDAY, 10th February, 1922, at 12
o'clock NOON, for the purpose of re-
ceiving the Report of the Directors
together with the Statement of Accounts
for the year ending 31st December,
1921.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the
Company will be CLOSED from WED-
NESDAY, 1st February, to FRIDAY,
10th February, both days inclusive
(during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary.

The Hongkong Land Investment
Agency Co., Ltd.
General Agents for
The Kowloon Land & Building
Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, January 23, 1922.

THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND
ORDINARY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company
will be held at the Office of the Com-
pany Union Building, on TUESDAY,
February 7th, 1922, at 12 O'clock NOON
for the purpose of receiving a Report
of the Directors, together with a State-
ment of Accounts, declaring a Dividend
and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the
Company will be CLOSED from Janu-
ary 24th to February 7th, 1922, both
days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
JOHN ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, January 13, 1922.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the
Shareholders in this Corporation will
be held at the City Hall, Hong-
kong, on SATURDAY, the 18th day
of February, 1922, at Noon, for the
purpose of receiving the Report of the
Directors together with a State-
ment of accounts for the year
ending 31st December, 1921.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation
will be CLOSED from MONDAY
6th February to SATURDAY 18th
February 1922, (both days inclusive)
during which period no transfer of
shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. G. STEPHEN,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, January 24, 1922.

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IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that
owing to the Chinese New Year
Holidays a constant supply of water
will be given in a RUMPER MAIN
DISTRICTS during FRIDAY and
SATURDAY, the 27th and 28th
instant.

T. L. PERKINS,
Water Authority.

Public Works Department
Hongkong, January 25, 1922.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C. P. S. "Empress of
Russia" arrived at Hongkong on Jan. 25
(9.30 a.m.) and is expected to leave on Jan. 26
(5 p.m.) and is due at Hongkong on Jan. 27
(5 a.m.).

The R. I. S. "Janus" left Calcutta
on Jan. 11 and is expected to arrive at
Hongkong on Jan. 27.

The C. P. S. "Empress of
Russia" arrived at Yokohama on Jan. 17
(8.30 a.m.) and is expected to leave on Jan. 18
(4 p.m.) and is due at Hongkong on Jan. 27
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The P. & O. S. "Jeyapore" left Hong-
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The N.Y.K. S. "Maybashi Maru"
(Hankow Line) left Hongkong for
Hankow on Jan. 14 and is expected to arrive at
Hankow on Jan. 31.

The Ben Line S.S. "Banaboh" from
Middlesbrough, Antwerp and London left
Singapore for this port on Jan. 24 and
may be expected to arrive here on or
about Jan. 25.

The N.Y.K. S. "Kaga Maru" (Bom-
bay Line) left Koba for Hongkong
via Moji on Jan. 23 and is expected here
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The P. & O. S. "Khiva" is expected
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.. Kneal,—Shhu	30	30
.. Breast—Ngau Nam	20	20
.. Soup.—Tong Yuk	22	22
.. Steak,—Ngau Yek Pa	30	30
.. Steak Stricto.—Ngau Lau	40	40
.. Managon.—Ngau Cheung	26	26
Ballock's Brains,—Ngau No per set	8	8
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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Walker wish to thank their many friends for their kind expression of sympathy and floral tributes sent in their recent sad bereavement.

DEATH.

LOURENCO.—At his residence at No. 9 Chatham Road, Kowloon, on January 26th Eduardo C. Lourenco, retired captain of Portuguese artillery. Aged 64 years. Funeral will pass the monument to morrow afternoon at 5.15 p.m. (Macao, Shanghai and Lisbon papers please copy.)

The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE."

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN 26 1922.

TOWN PLANNING VISIBLE.

Fools and bairns, says a wise North Country adage, should not be permitted to see unfinished jobs. Unfortunately, it is a counsel of perfection. Though the whole be greater than its parts, it is parts only that the public perceives, in government, in administration, in (for an excellent example) the business of our Public Works Department. For that matter it is so with a newspaper that is conducted on any sort of policy. While in one sense any issue of the *China Mail* is a thing complete in itself, begun and ended, it is not a criterion by which to judge the paper as an institution. There is a continuousness about it, a dominant characteristic, a thread of policy, which cannot be discerned in one

number. A pack of cards is another fair illustration of the point we aim at. A complete pack is a good pack with which a good game may be played; but there is a necessary process called the shuffle which results in various kinds of "hands" being held. No one criticises the game as a game, or the pack as a pack, from one or two "hands." Yet the public does that very thing in the matter of public works, and we newspapers as a part of the public and representing it, have made the same mistake at times. To wonder about the Colony just now with eyes open, putting two and two together, as the saying is, and seeing it as a whole, is to discover not only that our P. W. D. is a very busy department, but that all of these thirty or so jobs that it is busy with have direct relations with some big scheme or plan not apparent from any one angle. In effect, this is far sighted and intelligent planning, for which we have not given them credit. We had even doubted its existence. Any one P. W. D. job may be judged as a job, and yet its coherent relation with another job in another part of the Colony may easily be overlooked. For the city itself, town planning on this scale may seem to have come too late, but that is not so. The ideal city is kept in mind whenever alterations are required from time to time, as they are, and these alterations are all treated as opportunities for single steps in the direction of reform. It is in Kowloon that we see the bird's eye view of the Government most conspicuously showing its effects, and our earlier prophecy that Kowloon will yet be the city and Victoria the suburb looks much less extravagant than it may have done at the time. Our P. W. D. literally has the "faith that moves mountains," but there is a limit even to the business of levelling down and

filling up. The study that must be given to "levels" might easily be overlooked. A road in being at one end should have some sort of alignment with a new road proposed perhaps far away (in the case of a rapidly growing town like this) and the practical considerations dependant upon "levels" are surprisingly numerous to the layman, when he comes to chit with some patient surveyor or architect who will explain them to him. It is the natural tendency of newspapers to be censorious, and we have just given an additional reason why this is so. Yet we desire to praise where praise is deserved, and we must certainly remember our P. W. D. when that mood comes.

Oh! Listen to the Band

Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast but unhappily it hath none to soothe the clumsy train of the impatient motor. Every Tuesday night the local military band plays outside the officers' mess. It plays well. Its conductor is clearly capable and its repertoire is obviously extensive. Many passersby tarry to listen to its music, many more would like to stay but may not. Even on a fine light luller enjoyment is obviously impossible for those able to endure the discomfort of prolonged standing because the traffic, as already mentioned, hinders its heart to the musical appeal for its stride. Consequently, it would be a source of joy to many if the military authorities would sanction a little experiment that might render a considerable success and could be promptly stopped if it didn't. Many local residents would gladly pay a small admission fee to hear a popular regimental band concert on a Saturday or a Sunday afternoon and it should not prove impossible to find a suitable site in the Botanical Garden, or at Happy Valley, providing, of course, the band though it worth while. Anyway it might be an experiment well worth trying when the weather becomes a little warmer.

Misty Reflections.

Those P. W. D. dwellers who have lately been taking a melancholy interest in the gathering signs which show that the February fogs are on their way, should read what "John o' London" has to say about fogs in a recent number of his weekly. Had they anything of a postcard about them, they would realize it seems that "mist is poetry," though in Hongkong it generally gets a much harder name than that. He points out that mist was the usual clothing of the gods when they descended to earth but, of course, they didn't have to slither down on a wet, raw morning in one of our Peak trams. Touching on the symbolical aspect of misty surroundings he quotes this fine passage from Ruskin's "Modern Painters": "Our whole happiness and power of energetic action depend upon our being able to breathe and live in the cloud... rejoicing to catch through the thin mist films of things; but yet perceiving a nobleness even in the concealment, and rejoicing that the kindly veil is spread where the untempered light might have scorched us, or the infinite clearness wearied." However, as one Peakite irreverently retorted when these things were pointed out to him "Old Ruskin might have thought differently if he'd had to live in a cloud that rotted his boots."

Making Gold.

If those two fertile minded sons of Uncle Sam, Henry Ford and Thomas Edison, get their way, the financiers of the world will soon be wondering where they are. The motorcar magnate has discovered that St. Paul knew what he was talking about when he described love of money as the root of evil and he thinks that if gold is wiped out as a basis of currency the cause of all wars will disappear. Edison now threatens to make it possible to test the theory by inventing a process for making gold artificially. "It has been discovered," he told an interviewer the other day, "that lead, instead of being an element, is composed of two ingredients. This new discovery is a part solution of the problem of making gold artificially. I have always felt that the cause in bonds which provides that they shall be paid in gold of a certain fineness is dangerous. What would people who own the bonds say if they woke up some morning to find that gold could be manufactured as cheaply as pig-iron? Well, that is exactly what may happen any day." Here in Hongkong we ought to be able to use houses as a basis of currency—they're scarce enough.

CROUP.

EVERY young child is susceptible to croup. Don't wait until this dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It is now in the city of Hong Kong where the air is so close, and the clouds are so low, that the cold and damp atmosphere is a great enemy to the child's health. Cough lozenges at hand. It never fails to quickly and in a harmless manner for use by all chemists and druggists.

BURNS NIGHT.

"IMMORTAL MEMORY" HONOURED.

HONGKONG'S CELEBRATION.

It was a brave night—aye, an awful brave night. The wild Highlandmen and many Lowlanders were there in force. The Chief was in most genial mood. The proposer of the evening's toast in happiest vein. The pipers were in great fettle, the singers in excellent voice. The dinner service (as always) was faultless. And, of course, the "Mountain Dew" never tasted sweeter. Local Scotsmen, foregathered at the Hongkong Hotel last night to celebrate the memory of Robert Burns Old Scotland's immortal bard, wanted only one thing more to complete their happiness—power to seize old Father Time and bid him stay the hours so fleeting swift.

Nearly a hundred people were present, members of the Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, and their guests when Pipers R. G. McEwen Neil Drummond, and P. Douglas Wilson played the party into the dining room, where the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, the President, took the chair, with His Excellency Senhor de Freitas (the Portuguese Minister to Peking), the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, Mr. R. Reid, Mr. R. Sutherland, Mr. J. Reid, Dr. C. Forsyth, Dr. G. Black, Mr. W. Nicholson, and others at the same table. Mr. T. W. Hill acted as Secretary for the memorable occasion.

BILL O'FARE.

HAGGLES AN' A'.

An artistic souvenir menu card adorned with a favourite portrait of the poet and the inscription, "Scotland my auld respected Mither," set forth the Bill o' Fare with appropriate quotations for every item. Haggles, of course, was given pride of place in the menu. It was played in with customary ceremonial by Messrs. Drummond and Wilson and carried by Piper McEwen. The fare was as follows:—

"Fortune if thou'ld but gie me still
Hale brecks, a scone an' whisky
gill!"

BROTHER.

"An' Pease an' Beans wi' Kail an' beel!"

SALMON.

"Nae cauld faint hearted doubtings
tease him."

ENTREE.

"An' muckle din there was about it,
Baith loud an' lang."

HAGGLES.

"Auld Scotia wae nae skin in ware
That jumps in luggies."

But if ye wish her grateful prayer
Gie her a haggis!"

"Nae excelled it, few can near it,
It was sae fine."

CHICKEN AND HAM.

"As soon's the clockin' time is by,"

SWEETS.

"You mixtie maxtie queer hotch
potch."

DESSERT.

"There's naething like the honest
nappie"

Whur'll ye eer see men sae happy
As them wha like tae taste the
diappie

In glass or horn."

COFFEE.

"Aye free aff han' your story tell
When wi' a bosom crony."

"Nae claw your lug an' fidge your
back"

An' hum an' baw."

But raise your arm an' tell your
crack

Before them a'."

"Wi' friendly sangs an' friendly
cracks"

I wat they did na weary."

"An' faith we've been acquainted better
Before we part."

The loyal toast having been
honoured at the conclusion of
dinner, the President expressed his
pleasure at seeing such a splendid
turnout of Scotsmen to do honour to
the memory of the national bard. He
then called upon Mr. G. McLeod for
the opening item of the programme, a
song "There was a lad was born in
Kye."

ROBERT BURNS.

THE HON. MR. STEPHEN'S SPEECH.

Proposing the toast of "the Immortal Memory of Robert Burns" the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, Vice-President of St. Andrew's Society, first expressed his sense of unfittedness for the honour devolving on him, and then his regrets that the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald was not speaking in his stead. Mr. Stephen wished Mr. Macdonald a speedy recovery from his indisposition. (Applause.)

Many biographies had been written of Burns, said Mr. Stephen, and many eloquent speakers and writers had vied with each other in praise of his matchless genius; but he thought that the truest appreciation ever said or written of him was by another great Scotsman, Thomas Carlyle, who as long ago as 1828, at a time when it was the fashion to speak apologetically and somewhat patronisingly of Burns, as "a man of some gifts, perhaps, but hardly fit to be admitted into decent society." At the time Carlyle wrote Burns' songs were already a part not only of the mother tongue of Scotland but of Britain and of all who spoke the British language. "Burns," he said, "has found a tone and words for every mood of man's heart. It would be most praise to rank him as the greatest of all song writers, for we can find no one worthy to be called second to him. (Applause.) No British man has ever so widely influenced the thought and feelings of so many men as this solitary and altogether private individual with means apparently so humble." There spoke the true seer—a man whose unerring judgment at that early date had already placed Burns in his true position, and so true had that become that wherever Scotsmen were to be found, which was all over the face of the earth and in the engine rooms of every British ship on the face of the sea—(laughter) they celebrated that night with the best means at their disposal the immortal memory of the greatest of their countrymen. He need not recall to them the well known story of Burns' life, the bitter poverty that surrounded his early years, his short triumph in the blaze of the bright society of Edinburgh, his disappointments and early death, nor would he travel the well-known and well-worn path and seek to find some new explanation of the extraordinary hold his works had on the English-speaking race. He thought it would please them more if he recalled to them by quotation the all-embracing quality of his genius. First of all, Burns possessed in an eminent degree what all true poets must have, the capacity for love and sympathy not only for man himself but for all that surrounded him.

Burns' "Lines to the Wounded Hare" and to the mouse whose nest he overturned with his plough were, said Mr. Stephen, excellent examples of this among others, but he thought the finest passage expressive of sympathy for dumb animals was that written at a time when the poet's circumstances were at their worst:—

"I thought me on the ousie cattle,
Or silly sheep, that bide the brattle
O' winter war,
Ile happen bird, wee, helpless thing,
That in the merry month o' spring,
Delighted me to hear thee sing;
What comes o' thee?
Where wilt thou cower thy chattering
wing
And close thy ee!"

As Carlyle had truly said, those lines were worth many sermons on mercy, in fact they were the voice of Mercy itself. (Applause.) As to love of Mercy itself. (Applause.) As to love of Mercy itself. (Applause.) As to love of Mercy itself. (Applause.)

That contained the essence of a thousand love tales. His songs of martial life and soldiering were not less convincing. A great modern English poet had left on record his opinion that the most graphic battle picture in any language was contained in the lines:—
"The trumpets sound, the banners fly,
The gathering spears are ranked ready,
And shouts of war are heard afar,
The battle closes thick and bloody."

Another passage which would appeal to any of their soldier friends present and which summed up the simple creed of the fighting man was:—
"For gold the sailor ploughs the main,
The farmer ploughs the manor,
But Glory is the soldier's prize,
The soldier's wealth is Honour."

"I cannot find," remarked Mr. Stephen, "that Burns ever referred to that unfortunate skirmish at Flodden Hill—(laughter)—about which so much sloopy and sentimental poetry has been written—(laughter)—such as John Leyden's lines:—
"Alas that Scottish Maid should sing,
The corb that where her lover fell.
That Scottish harp should wake the string,
The triumph of her foes to tell."

Burns did not write about Flodden but he wrote "Scots wha hae" (applause)—surely the grandest battle song that ever has been or ever will be written on. (Applause.)
Robbie's addition to good fellowship was very well set out in his poems, for instance in the opening stanzas of "Tam O' Shanter," "Willie brewed a peck o' maut," and others.
"Are ye weel and Nickie-ben!"

Oh wad ye tak a thicht and men!
Ye aiblins might—I dinna ken—
St ill hae a stake—
I'm wae to think upo' von den,
Even for your sake!"
o' maut," and others.

To his mind the most convincing description of what happened to a weak-headed man when he partook too freely of the national beverage, as on such occasions as the present (laughter)—was the passage:—
"The rising moon began to glower,
The distant cummock hillsot over,
To count her horns wi' a my power
I set myself,
But whether she had three or four
I couldna tell."

Carlyle's reference to the humble means at Burns' command meant that he was lacking in a liberal education. That sense of disadvantage had never, apparently, occurred to Burns' mind. In one of his epistles he went so far as to disparage College education.
"What's a your learnin' o' your schools,
Your Latin namis for hoons and stools.
If honest nature made you fool's
What Sairs your grammars?
A set o' dull conceited hashies,
Confuse their brains in college classes,
They gang in stirks and come out asses,
Plain truth to speak
And syne they think to climb Parnassus
By dint o' Greek!
Gie me a spark o' nature's fire!
That's a' the learnin' I desire!"

In quoting these lines, the speaker hoped that no one from the Hongkong University was present. (Laughter and applause.) What Burns might have achieved had he entered the lists as a fully qualified literary workman was idle to speculate, but they could consider, briefly, what Burns had done. At the time Burns was born, Scottish patriotism was almost dead. Deprived of their Parliament and of all semblance of royalty, depressed by long and bitter civil and religious strife, Scotsmen had almost forgotten the glorious history of their country. Burns restored that. The speaker would say that at that time Scotland was in danger of being absorbed by the predominant power of the day. What a terrible fate that would have been! (Laughter and applause.) Burns restored pride of race and nationality when both were at their lowest ebb. He made the humblest Scottish ploughman proud of his race and calling, because both were sung and shared by Robbie Burns. The great achievements of Scottish men since that time and the glorious deeds of the immortal Scottish Divisions in the Great War were inspired, he firmly believed, by that pride and that patriotism which Burns revived. Burns had made imperishable the Scottish dialects and ancient melodies of Scotland composed just before he was born.

If strangers looked upon Scotland as a land of romance and noble effort and if Scotsmen were proud of their race and of the deeds of their forefathers, surely they owed all that to Burns. (Applause.) The centenary of Burns' death in 1896 was celebrated with much more than usual solemnity all over the world and at Dumfries Lord Rosebery made a notable speech with his customary eloquence. The speaker preferred the simple verse on the same occasion of the humble Scottish poet Charles Murray, who took for his text the dying words of Burns: "I'll be more respected a hundred years after I am dead than I am at present." He wrote:—
"My fame is sure; when I am dead
A century," the poet said,
"They'll heap the honours on my head
They grudge me noo";
To-day the hundred years hae sped
That prove it true.
Whiles as the feathered ages flee,
Time sets the sand-glass on his knee,
An' ilka name baith great an' wee
Shak's thro' his sieve;
Synae sadly wags his pow to see
The twa that live.
An' still the quickest o' the lot
Is he wha made the lowly cot
A shrine, whaur ilka rev' rent Scot
Bar-headed turns,
Our mither's psalms may be forgot,
But never Burns.
This night, auld Scotland, dry your
tear,
An' let aye sough o' grief come near's;
We'll speak o' Rab's gin he could
hear's;
Life's but a fever,
And he's been healed this hundred
years
To live for ever.

The toast was honoured in impressive silence. Mr. Stephen, whose speech had been punctuated with bursts of applause and murmurs of approval, was then accorded acclamation long and sincere.

CONCERT CONTINUED.

AN ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME.

The concert programme was resumed with a recitation, "Tam o' Shanter," from Mr. J. Bartholomew, who was cordially applauded for an excellent item. Mr. T. G. Paterson then sang, "Annie Laurie" and so won the hearts of the company that he had performed to give an encore. This was forthcoming in "Ye Banks and Braes," another fine number well rendered. Next came the skirl of the pibroch, Pipers McEwen, Drummond, and Wilson playing a bagpipe selection which was received with great enthusiasm. A happy reminiscence from the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn next caused much amusement and evoked not a little cheering. Mr. S. Gray was then heard to advantage in "Mary Morrison," one of the poet's most beautiful lyrics. Skilful, graceful, and tireless, Mr. D. G. Nicholl, clad in the national garb, gave a fine exhibition of Highland dancing for which he received an ovation. Mr. G. McLeod was next heard again in the martial air "Scots Wha Hae," followed by the exquisite "Flow Gently Swift Afton" submitted in response to insistent demands for an encore. Mr. T. G. Paterson brought a thoroughly enjoyable programme to a conclusion with "Will Ye No Come Back Again." "Auld Lang Syne" was then sung in traditional manner and the "official" proceeding terminated with the National Anthem. The pipers then marched down the main staircase followed by the whole company. A small but still unwearied "unofficial" minority then returned to the dining hall and clearing a space among the tables danced foursome and eight-some reels to many a "hoosh" until the wifling hour compelled a stop.

SPECIAL CABLE.

TYPHOID DEATH

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[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, JANUARY 26.

The death has occurred of Mr. Duncan Mackintosh, of the Engineering Department of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd., in the General Hospital after two weeks' illness with typhoid. A linotype expert, Mr. Mackintosh was well-known in printing offices at Hongkong and Harbin. He was a native of Inverness and had been in Shanghai seven years. He was on the eve of going on home leave. He was married in Shanghai eight months ago and was thirty-eight years old.

OBITUARY.

INSPECTOR A. GORDON

News was received here yesterday of the death at home on Monday, of Inspector Alexander Gordon of the Hongkong Police. The deceased who had been in indifferent health for some time suffering from a severe attack of spine, went home on leave about a year ago. It was known here, however, that his sojourn at home had not effected any change in his health, and he was compelled to spend the major portion of his leave in the south of England, instead of his native place, Tomsall, Co. Banffshire, North Scotland.

Forty-eight years of age, the late Inspector Gordon spent the best years of his life in Hongkong, coming out here in 1897.

MAJOR CASSEL'S CAR.

HEARING CONCLUDED

The hearing of the case in which the United Motor Company are suing Major Cassel and he is counter-claiming damages for the alleged mis-handling of his Napier motor car was concluded before the Puisse Judge (Mr. Justice Gompertz) in the Summary Court yesterday afternoon.

At the conclusion of the evidence Mr. G.G.N. Tinson, who appeared for the Company, submitted that Major Cassel had failed to attach any blame to the defence for the condition of the car. Before it came into Mr. Rowe's hands, Mr. Scott put it together; he also overhauled it at various times; it was next in the hands of Messrs. Weir and Davis for a time and the Indian chauffeur also had access to the car at all times. Mr. Tinson claimed that the most that had been proved against Mr. Rowe was that he made one small dint in a bra's collar, and that was a matter of no importance. Mr. F. G. Vaux, who represented Major Cassel called attention to a statement by Major Cassel that on April 26, after the Messrs. Weir and Davis had finished with the car, it was going "excellently." He suggested that the reason no charge was being made by the United Motor Co. for work done on the Napier was that they knew damage had been done by their operations. There had been "gross mis-handling of a very valuable instrument." His Honour reserved judgment.

SEAMEN'S STRIKE.

"BLUE FUNNEL" MOVE.

UNION MEN PUZZLED.

Harbour congestion reached its high watermark for the period of the seamen's strike this morning when there were 151 ships in port. This number was reduced later in the day by the sailing of some steamers (including the "Weather") and by the departure of several vessels which have previously been held up.

A development which had the Union thinking this morning was the removal of two Blue Funnel boats, the "Tiger" and the "Patriarch" and another "B" and "S" boat from their berths in the harbour to a wharf a few miles out of the Union officials had detected the move, but confessed themselves puzzled as to why the vessels had been moved and where they were going to. The move was made away from the Union wharf, and the information could be gleaned on the subject but a variety of circumstances suggests that all three boats will be under way either to day or to-morrow. The "Tiger" whose crew have returned from Canton is sailing to Hong Kong and another vessel whose crew refused to participate in the strike.

There is still no sign of any attempt by the other side to resume the negotiations which have been interrupted. The "Tiger" is being held at the wharf, and the seamen may be expected to accompany once the Chinese New Year holidays are out of the way.

A SHANGHAI VESSEL. In the course of the day the company of the "Shanghai" and "Yangtze" (Shanghai) sent its finger on a weak spot in connection with the negotiations. It is as follows:

It is rather difficult at the present juncture to forecast what steps will be taken to bring about a settlement, although the seamen are to all practical purposes a combined body, the same cannot be said of the shipowners, who are divided into three groups, the three big China Coast companies and the smaller concerns, operating in South China waters. It was simply the three big Coast companies, or those companies which are members of the Shipowners' Protective Association at Hong Kong (which appears recently to have become a more or less defunct), or any definite association of shipowners, with which the seamen have to contend, it would not doubt be practicable for the dispute to be settled by direct negotiation between the strikers and their employers, but in view of the numerous and uncoordinated shipping interests affected, this course would appear to be impracticable. The only reasonable and practicable course which appears to be open is for the Hong Kong Government or some other weighty and influential body to act as arbitrators, and that quickly, in the parlance which is now on South China shipping is not to be more acute, and the consequences of the strike disastrous to those who have had no direct interest in its inception or conduct. It is regrettable that the seamen have so far declined to entertain the suggestion that the Government at Hong Kong should mediate, as it is difficult to see how any other course of action is immediately feasible.

UNION OFFICIALS.

MAY THEY BOARD SHIPS?

AN IMPORTANT POINT.

A neat legal point which has an important bearing on the question as to whether officials of the Seamen's Union are within their rights in going aboard ships was thrashed out in the Police Court yesterday.

The case was the one in which a Union official named Chan Cheuk Hing was charged with assaulting the Chief Officer of the "Ningpo" and with being on board without lawful permission. He was fined \$25 on the assault charge and the second count was adjourned to further argument upon it.

Yesterday, Mr. D. J. Lewis, who appears for the plaintiff, agreed to the charge being amended from "being on board" to "going on board."

For the defence, Mr. W. B. Hind submitted that there was no offence until the man was told that he was a trespasser. The original going on board was not an offence. Dealing with the word "permission," Mr. Hind submitted that authority could be delegated, and in this case an Indian watchman was placed at the head of the gangway with authority to allow people on board. It was perfectly obvious that a captain of a vessel with his numerous duties could not attend to such a duty, and it was perfectly obvious that he could not give permission to anyone. The Indian watchman was placed there to admit or to reject people and in this case he

passed a party of officials of the strikers union. Permission could be expressed or implied, and in the present circumstances it was implied. Mr. Lewis: I don't dispute that for one moment.

Mr. Hind, continuing, said that there was an implied invitation; the gang way was down. That was an invitation for anybody to go on board. They had business on board. They had a letter for the Captain.

The Magistrate: I rather think that this man went and interviewed the crew before seeing the master.

Mr. Hind: I don't think that was proved.

Mr. Lewis: I have the Chief, 2nd, and 3rd engineers present who will say that defendant did go to the crew's quarters first and that he adopted a truculent attitude on being questioned.

The Magistrate: I agree.

Mr. Hind: If you find that it is not much good my arguing further on this point of the law.

The Magistrate: What is the evidence of the Indian watchman?

Mr. Lewis said that an Indian watchman was in the neighbourhood of the gangway. Unfortunately the man was not present in Court.

The Magistrate: I do not think that there is evidence that the watchman gave permission or refused permission. I think he was there to keep order.

Mr. Hind: That might have been possible if the watchman had not been near the gangway, in which case my contention would be of no avail.

Mr. Lewis stated that the defendant had been before the Marine Court before on a similar charge.

Mr. Hind denied that, and said that it was not the same man.

Sergeant Dick of the Water Police said that he thought the man had been up before together with 7 or 8 others on a charge of intimidation.

The Magistrate (to defendant): The charge against you is of unlawfully going on board the s.s. "Ningpo" on the 20th of this month without permission of the master or officer in charge. I find that you went on board and that after going on board you went at once to that part of the ship used by the crew. I find that you were seen coming from the forecastle by the Chief Officer. I find that you went on board intending to induce the members of the crew to desert the ship.

Mr. Hind: I beg your pardon they did not desert the ship. The usual procedure adopted by the Union is for the crew to give notice. In any case they are entitled to leave 24 hours after the arrival of the ship in port.

Mr. Lewis: In this case they left a quarter of an hour after the defendant had been on board.

The Magistrate: That is rather an important point and unless Mr. Lewis agrees with Mr. Hind I must hear what Mr. Lewis has to say.

Mr. Lewis contended that no permission was given to the defendant to go on board the steamer. If a man went on board a steamer without permission he was a trespasser. The Master may give permission but could also reject it at any time he pleased.

The Magistrate: In which case he went on board with authority which was afterwards withdrawn.

Mr. Lewis: No, I don't think so. If a man leaves his garden gate open it does not mean that any man can enter when he pleases.

The Magistrate: I think that you will agree with me that the gangway being down was an invitation.

Mr. Lewis: But there was no authority for him to go on board. This man went on board without authority.

The Magistrate: You mean that he was always a trespasser.

Mr. Lewis: He is a trespasser from the word "go."

The Magistrate: My position is this: A ship is in the harbour with her gangway down. Many people may go on board without asking the permission of the captain. The very fact that they go on board and are not asked to leave is an implied permission and I think that this man went on board on lawful business.

Mr. Lewis: Does your Worship suggest that strike delegates going on board is a lawful business? In this case the crew left shortly afterwards. Do you imply that the captain would invite a man on board knowing that he was going to put him to great inconvenience?

Mr. Hind: I say that consent was given by the antecedent fact that the gangway was down.

Mr. Lewis: If people are inducing the crew to leave are they doing anything lawful?

Mr. Hind: These men can leave at a moment's notice. They are entitled to leave at any time after being 24 hours in the harbour, according to their articles.

Mr. Lewis: I submit that whether the man was on board for a benevolent cause or a bad cause the offence is complete.

The Magistrate: I am not prepared to go as far as that.

Mr. Lewis stated that he could produce the ship's articles. The ship

would not be going out for a few days. He then asked the Magistrate to define his present position.

The Magistrate: If the man went on board with the object of breaking the law then I must convict him.

The case was adjourned to Friday morning.

COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

The ordinary general meeting of the Shareholders of this Company was held in the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd. at noon to-day.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and there were present the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. S. Gubbay and Mr. S. S. Perry (Directors), Mr. M. S. Northcote (Secretary) and Pere Robert, Messrs. E. Sadick, L. S. Greenhill, H. Percy Smith, E. M. Raymond and J. Bell Irving (Shareholders).

The notice convening the meeting having been read by the secretary, the Chairman said:

Gentlemen:—The Report and Balance Sheet, together with the Auditor's Report have been in your hands for some days and I will as usual take them as read.

The Company has again had a very successful year's working the net profits being \$92,510.54 as against \$79,341.62 the previous year.

Rent account shows an increase of just over \$15,000 due mainly to increased demand for coal and timber storage on our K.M.L. 49. It may interest you to learn that since the beginning of the year we have sold, at the price of \$3.90 per square foot, the whole of this lot, with the exception of the small area on which stand our 12 houses Nos. 11, 65 Canton Road and we hope before long to find a buyer for this remaining portion so as to enable us in the not distant future to liquidate and wind up the Company.

The property we own at the Peak has just been sold, also our two Shaukiwan Lots, the latter at a small loss, as shown in the Balance Sheet.

Investments in mortgages show again a slight increase—\$22,000—giving a corresponding increase in revenue derived from interest.

Investment in shares has also risen from \$389,258.00 to \$491,312.48 and as you will observe, our holdings are well below the market values at the close of the year.

We now propose to pay the usual dividend of \$5.25 per share absorbing \$65,625.00 and to carry forward the sum of \$645,478.78 which is an increase over that of last year of

\$17,915.54 and this I trust will meet with your approval.

I now beg to propose that the Report and Balance Sheet as presented be adopted and passed and when this has been duly seconded the accounts will be open to discussion.

Pere Robert seconded and the motion was carried.

Mr. S. S. Perry's appointment as a director of the Company was confirmed on the proposal of Mr. A. S. Gubbay, seconded by Mr. M. S. Northcote.

Sir Paul Chater, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Mr. A. S. Gubbay were re-elected directors on the proposal of Mr. H. Percy Smith, seconded by Mr. E. M. Raymond.

Messrs. H. Percy Smith and C. Bernard Brown were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. J. Bell Irving, seconded by Mr. E. Sadick.

This terminated the meeting.

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NOTICE.

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SUNDAY, 29th January, 1922.

Starting Time	St. George's Society.	St. Andrew's Society.
9.30	R. M. Smith	A. B. Stewart
9.40	H. R. Buckland	T. W. Hill
9.44	F. S. Harrison	A. H. Ferguson
9.48	E. J. R. Mitchell	C. Leslie Smith
9.52	A. H. Crew	J. B. Ross
9.56	N. L. Smith	E. Davidson
10.00	C. Bulmer Johnson	A. B. Purvis
10.04	R. Hancock	N. C. Wilson
10.08	A. E. Crapnell	R. Bruce
10.12	M. M. Maas	J. D. Kinnaird
10.16	F. Bevington	R. K. Valentine
10.20	J. Hooper	C. C. Stark
10.24	C. A. Peel	D. J. Cutbill
10.28	H. Hancock	A. Morrison
10.32	J. W. Franks	A. R. Auetin
10.36	H. E. Smith	J. M. Walker
10.40	A. E. Ashton	J. Rodger, Jr.
10.44	E. W. H. Carpenter	D. J. Valentine
10.48	J. H. Brister	J. C. Fletcher
10.52	P. A. Cox	J. G. Lyon Brown
10.56	K. W. Bean	D. G. Nicoll
11.00	R. H. N. Gompertz	t. Gray
11.04	L. S. Greenhill	A. K. Henderson
11.08	H. P. Winslow	W. D. Fiddes-Wilson

Tiffins have been ordered. Tipping side to pay for tiffins. Match Play (without handicap) 1 point for match, 1 for bye. Singles in the morning over Old Course. Football Fourfours in the afternoon over New Course.

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NATIONAL LOANS.

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4th Drawing of Fourth Year Loan (\$4,400,000): redemption begins 12th April.

5th Drawing of Third Year Loan (\$2,750,000): redemption begins 31st December.

The time and place of the drawings will be notified by the Ministry of Finance in due course.

In order that redemption of the Fourth Year Loan may be accelerated and that the loan may be fully redeemed by the 6th and final drawing in 1923 according to the Original Schedule and the Loan Regulations, it is proposed to have a supplementary drawing in September this year—namely the 5th drawing (\$4,640,000)—due notice of which will be given by the Ministry of Finance.

To extinguish the Third Year Loan at the proper date, namely, December 1925 it will also be necessary to have a supplementary drawing of this loan in 1924, due notice of which will be given.

F. A. AGLEN, Inspector General of Customs, Inspectorate General of Customs, Peking 18th January, 1922.

G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on TUESDAY, the 3rd day of January, 1922, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Chatham Path in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PRINCE'S TOUR.

HYDERABAD, January 25th.
Hyderabad gave the Prince of Wales a fine reception this morning on his arrival after 35 hours in the train. The ancient city rose to the occasion by adornment of true barbaric splendour and colouring. The ceremonial events were similar to those in the other native states which the Prince has visited, varying only in difference of picturesque environment. The pre-arranged programme was very slender so as to leave the Prince of Wales plenty of opportunity for sport and recreation. Great crowds turned out to watch the royal procession along the four mile route from the station to Falaknum Castle. Their demeanour was very friendly although characteristically undemonstrative.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

PARIS, January 25th.
The Finance Committee of the Chamber discussed the scheme for the rehabilitation of the Banque Industrielle, but it decided not to make recommendations until M. Poincare and the Finance Minister stated their views.

PROGRESS AT WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, January 25th.
The Government signatory to the Pacific Treaty have agreed to exchange notes defining the Treaty as inapplicable to the mainland of Japan. It is stated officially that Japan requested and the other signatory Powers agreed, that, notwithstanding Japan's promise not to fortify Bonin Islands, the latter should be considered part of the Japanese mainland for the purposes of the treaty.

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27. B. F. Agapenor.
Mar. 1. B. F. Ningchow.
8. B. F. Ajax.
13. P. & O. Sicilia.
14. B. F. Kuchinga.
Apr. 19. B. F. Anchisa.

FROM JAPAN.

Jan. 29. C. P. S. West Coyote.
30. B. F. Cyclops.
31. J. F. Saiton.
31. B. F. Tonia.
31. N.Y.K. Wakusa Maru.
31. B. F. Teucer.
Feb. 4. E. & A. St. Albans.
7. B. F. Calchas.
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13. B. F. Elpenor.
14. P. & O. Neg. ya.
16. B. L. Janus.
21. B. F. Pyrrhus.
23. P. & O. Kshkur.
Mar. 4. E. & A. Eavorn.
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13. B. F. Glancus.
20. B. F. Mentor.
26. P. & O. Donovan.
Apr. 11. P. & O. Novara.
24. B. F. Eavorn.
2. P. & O. Eavorn.
May 9. P. & O. Plassy.
23. P. & O. Pungo's.

FROM MANILA.

Jan. 27. B. F. Proteilaus.
Feb. 17. B. F. Ixion.
Mar. 10. B. F. Talthybius.
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It is an army tradition that when there is any shifting camp to be done the authorities are bound to pick out a wet day for it. Even for so exalted a personage as the late G.O.C. the rule was not varied. He went off to his homebound last week in a steady drizzle and the skies were weeping again this morning when the 2nd. Battalion of the Wiltshires left for India by the S.S. "Himalaya." Colonel Wyndham and his men have left many friends behind them in Hongkong and in sporting circles especially will they be missed. Below we publish some interesting details of the Battalion's history.

REGIMENT'S HISTORY.**FORMER VISIT TO HONGKONG.**

The present 2nd. Battalion of the Wiltshire Regiment was raised in 1824 as the 99th. Lanarkshire or Foot. Soon after being formed the Regiment was dispatched to Mauritius and served in that island with a detachment of Seychelles until 1837 when it was relieved and sent home. Five years later it went to Australia as guard over the convict settlements of New South Wales where it remained for many years. The period of duty in Australia was broken by a period of fierce fighting in New Zealand during the Maori War of 1845-6. The 99th. returned home in 1856 and two years later sailed for India, being stationed in Bengal. In 1860 a British expedition was fitted out and dispatched to bring the Chinese Government to account for the cruelties practised by the Chinese on Europeans, and the violation of treaties, and the 99th. Foot was included in the small army that left India for the far east early in that year. The 99th. were engaged in the storming of the Taku Forts, the defeat of the Chinese army in the field and the siege and capture of Peking including the looting of the Emperor's Summer Palace. After the capture of Peking, the Battalion was stationed at Hongkong, one company being employed against the rising rebels in the neighbourhood of Shanghai. Afterwards it went to Japan where it was engaged in the defence of the Treaty Ports, returning to England in 1869. Its next term of foreign service was in South Africa, embarking in 1878 and serving at the Cape and in Natal. The Regiment took part in the Zulul War of 1879, and in December of that year the Battalion sailed for Bermuda. Two years later it returned to the Cape where in 1881 it was linked with the 62nd. Regiment as the 2nd. Battalion of the Duke of Edinburgh's (Wiltshire Regiment). In 1902 the Battalion proceeded to India where it remained until ordered home in 1906, and when the South African War broke out in 1909 it was ordered back to the Cape. It won great credit for its distinguished service during the campaign and in 1910 it returned to the United Kingdom. Until 1912 it served in England

and Ireland and then it proceeded to Gibraltar. It was still there when the great war broke out in 1914.

GREAT WAR PERIOD.**REGIMENT'S FINE RECORD.**

The 2nd. Battalion, commanded by Lieut. Colonel Forbes, having been hurriedly brought home from Gibraltar on the outbreak of war, formed part of the 21st. Brigade of the 7th. Division, which landed in Belgium at Zeebrugge on October 7, 1914. An attempt was made to relieve Antwerp, but further German forces appearing on the flank necessitated a quick change to avoid being cut off, and the Division made rapid march towards Ypres, where it turned and faced the enemy. The holding of that line was one of the finest things done in the war, the enemy believing, from the stoutness of the defence and the terrible losses they sustained from the rapid rifle fire opened on them, that at least two Army Corps were in front of them. Fortunately, that British Division was composed entirely of well-seasoned troops, and they hit back with terrible effect holding on to their precarious outposts until reinforced by British cavalry; but a terrific shelling of the trenches at Becelaere, held by the two advanced Battalions of the 21st. Brigade (2nd. Wiltshire Regiment and 2nd. Royal Scots Fusiliers) was followed on October 24 by the attack of a whole German Division, and the Battalion, after a gallant fight, was utterly overwhelmed and practically destroyed. Their resistance was not in vain, for the enemy's losses compelled them to abandon their attempt to break through and on November 6 the 7th. Division was withdrawn from the line after relief by the 1st and 2nd Army Corps, having suffered close on 10,000 casualties—a sufficient indication of the nature of the fight it had put up. During this battle the Battalion lost 28 Officers 650 other ranks, and only one officer and 254 other ranks remained available for duty.

Afterwards the Battalion was withdrawn from the Ypres area, and was engaged in trench warfare in the Ploegsteert and Fleurbaix sectors until March 1915 when they were relieved by the Canadians prior to the attack on Neuve Chapelle on March 10. Great things were expected from this, the first attempt on a large scale to force a gap in the German lines, but the result was disappointing: little headway was made, and the Battalion suffered severely, seven officers and 68 other ranks being killed, and eleven officers and 210 other ranks wounded, including Captain Gillson, who had assumed command of the Battalion just prior to the attack.

A further period of trench warfare in the Laventie sector ensued, and in May the Battalion took part in the attack at Festubert. In this sanguinary battle the losses were again severe compared with the results obtained, no great impression being made on the enemy's defence (casualties: one officer killed and three wounded; 21 other ranks killed and 126 wounded).

Again, at Givenchy, on June 16, the Battalion attacked with Chapelle St. Riche as their objective. But blasts of

hostile machine gun fire swept over the leading waves of the attacking infantry the moment they left their trenches, and the attack was abortive. Documents captured later showed that the enemy had ascertained the exact hour 6.30 p.m. of the infantry assault, which had enabled them to remain in their deep dugouts during the preliminary bombardment, and to come up and line the trenches at the required moment. (Casualties: officers, four killed and five wounded; other ranks, 25 killed, 127 wounded.)

After a short period of reconstruction and training the Battalion was next in the line at Richebourg l'Avoue in July, and subsequently in the Givenchy sector until relieved to take part in the Battle of Loos on September 25. On this occasion the Allies, taking a leaf out of the enemy's book, used poison gas for the first time, but it was none too successful, and after an initial success on the first day the advance petered out. Lieut. Colonel Leatham (attached from the Yorkshire Regiment), who had assumed command of the Battalion in June, was killed in this action, which lasted for several days, and other casualties amounted to—officers killed, nine; wounded, five; other ranks, killed, wounded, and missing, 400.

Trench warfare in the Quinchy and Givenchy sector followed until the early days of December, when the 21st. Brigade was transferred to the 7th. Division to the 30th. Division, and joined them on the Somme in the neighbourhood of Bray. The Battalion spent the following six months in the trenches at Carnoy and Maricourt until July 1, 1916, which was the first day of the great Allied offensive on the Somme. Successful in this sector, troops of the 30th. and other Divisions occupied Montauban on the first day, and a considerable advance was made. Sharp fighting followed, and on July 8 the Allies attacked again in the direction of Guillemont. This village was covered by Trones Wood and the Maltz Horn Farm, both strongly entrenched and full of barbed wire. Several attacks had failed when the 2nd. Wiltshire Regiment was ordered up to the assault, and under a hail of bullets, they charged across the 400 yards of open ground which intervened and dashed into the wood shooting or bayonetting those Germans who did not surrender, and taking hundreds of prisoners. Repeated counter attacks failed to dislodge them, though suffering heavily both in the assault and in the German shell fire after success. Lieut. Colonel Gillson, who had assumed command in November of 1915, was wounded, and other casualties amounted to eleven officers killed and wounded, and 200 other ranks, which was small compared with the important results obtained. The Battalion won high praise for the vigour of their attack and their tenacity in holding on to the position they had gained, and they were able, by the capture of the Maltz Horn trench, to assist greatly our French allies who simultaneously attacked on the right of the Wiltshire Regiment.

On July 23 the 21st. Brigade again attacked Guillemont, but without success, and were then withdrawn from the Somme area for reconstruction.

They soon returned, and in October, attacked in the neighbourhood of Fiers, on which occasion tanks were used in action for the first time. Casualties in these operations were heavy and the Battalion lost fourteen officers and 350 other ranks from all causes.

After this action the 30th. Division was transferred to the sector south of Arras, and had remained there until Easter Monday, April 9, 1917, the first day of the Battle of Arras. The heroism displayed by the troops in this battle was beyond all praise, the Wiltshire Regiment advancing over open country right up to the enemy's entrenchments, only to find the barbed wire uncut and further progress therefore impossible. Digging in on the ground captured, they then endured a

violent blizzard which caused the loss of many of the wounded who might otherwise have been saved. In this attack the Battalion lost sixteen officers and 363 other ranks.

In June the Battalion was in the Ypres sector and on July 31, at the commencement of the third battle of Ypres, the Wiltshire Regiment assaulted the enemy's position at Stirling Castle and captured all their objectives; but the complete breakdown of the weather had rendered the battle zone practically impassable and the great attack planned to drive back the enemy from the Belgian coast fizzled out—stuck fast in the mud of Flanders!

In September the Battalion was in the line on the Messines Ridge, and was employed in this sector and the Ypres salient until early in 1918, when the 30th. Division was transferred to the Fifth Army and went south into the line near St. Quentin. Lieutenant-Colonel Martin had relieved Lieutenant-Colonel Gillson in December, 1917, and was in command on March 21, 1918, when the Battalion, holding the line at St. Quentin, experienced the full force of the great German offensive which the enemy hoped would finish the war in their favour. The Battalion was holding the forward zone by a system of redoubts when, aided by the early morning fog, the first waves of the German infantry advanced to the assault. Undeterred by the intense bombardment, the Battalion clung to its shattered trenches and inflicted terrible losses on the German infantry, but the odds were a hundred to one, and there could be but one result: the German waves continued to roll up, and in the end the Battalion was overwhelmed, and lost 22 officers and over 600 other ranks, very few escaping to tell the tale. Later on the remnant of the Battalion helped to form a composite battalion, which in April was in the line near Kemmel in support of the French, who were being hard pressed.

In May the majority of the 6th (Service) Battalion joined the 2nd. Battalion, and the Battalion so formed left the 30th. Division to join the 19th. Division.

Subsequently the 19th. Division was sent South to the Champagne district to assist in the defence of Rheims and came under the command of the French, and here Major Rapson, who had commanded since March, handed over to Major Shepherd until relieved by Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Alexander Thynne, of the Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry.

Soon after the Battalion had arrived in the neighbourhood of Epernay the expected German offensive was launched and on May 28 the Battalion took part in a successful counter attack, which after severe fighting resulted in the recovery of the ground previously lost.

The Battalion remained in Champagne attached to the 6th. French Army until in August the 19th. Division moved north of Choques where the Germans were slowly retiring under pressure. Before leaving the Battalion and the whole Division received the thanks and the congratulations of the French Commander-in-chief for the gallant and able assistance they had given our Allies when hard pressed. Going into the line in front of Hinges, they made a succession of advances during which operations Lieutenant-Colonel Lord Alexander Thynne was killed. The Battalion, now commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Beaver, remained in the neighbourhood of La Bassée Canal until October when the final advance having been commenced the 19th. Division pushed forward to the Cambrai. On November 4, a general advance was ordered and the Battalion attacked and captured the high ground in front of Eth, and later in the day Eth was captured with many prisoners. The advance was continued and by November 11—Armistice Day—the Division was greatly reduced in numbers owing to casualties incurred during the final successful advance, and the second battalion moved to

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Two cases of diphtheria and one of cerebro spinal fever, all Chinese, were reported yesterday.

The second extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd., takes place on Friday, February 17, instead of the 18th.

Restrictions on late motor traffic will be in abeyance on the nights of January 28 and 29 for the Chinese New Year holidays.

The Chinese Press Association has declared holidays for the period from January 23 to 31 inclusive. Consequently the Canton Times will not appear between those dates.

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On the last three nights of the Chinese year, the old custom is to have a fair in the streets round about the We term Market. The tradition used to be that on these nights fine bargains, remarkably cheap to the buyer, can be made, owing to the Chinese desire to settle all their accounts and start the new year square.

Twenty years ago very good articles, especially second-hand, used to be exposed for sale in this way, and no doubt there is some foundation for the belief that their owners sometimes sold them for less than they were worth. The tradition lingers on. Still crowds of people pambulate these streets, hoping to profit by the supposed necessity of the Chinese vendors. But the fair has almost completely changed its character. The second-hand treasures are no more to be seen. Instead

the streets are lined with stalls laden with new stuff manufactured—it would seem—especially for such occasions. The foreigner who goes to try to get some genuine Chinese "curio," some treasure of Chinese manual art, will be offered factory stuff, certainly no cheaper than it is worth.

We patriotically hope that the brazen josses come from Birmingham, but they may possess the Oriental character that modern Osaka can provide. We do not know, and cannot pretend that we care.

The fair opened last night, and as so often happens, was hampered by rain. The striking feature this time was a truly wonderful show of plants. There were streets and avenues of plants in pots. There were chrysanthemums in bloom. There were orange trees in fruit. Including some curious malformations due to the misguided ingenuity of the gardeners. There was a fine show of those characteristic examples of artificially stunted trees and shrubs. To be particularly admired were the peonies. The flowering shrub that is known as the Chinese "Lucky Tree" was present in fairly good supply, in spite of the

fact that the Chinese consider it unlucky to have a peony in the house.

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For the rest, one's main impression was of millions of "Boston garter," trillions of factory socks, and thousands of cloth caps cut on the model known as "Whitechapel" 98. There was also a big show of the usual fair trumpery, paper-mash dolls for the little Chinese, peacock feather ornaments and so on. In spite of the rain the crowd